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Note by the Executive Director

Summary

The present note contains information on the first one-year extension of the UNFPA country programme for Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

In accordance with established procedures, the Executive Director approves the first one-year extension of a country programme, while requests for extensions for a second year or requests for two-year extensions are submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

In view of the above, the Executive Board may wish to take note of the first one-year extension of the country programme for Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

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Extensions of UNFPA country programmes approved by the Executive Director

Country	Years covered by original country programme	Year covered by any extension already approved	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Extension		Reason and explanation		
				Second one year	Two years	United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Other
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2003-2007	-	2008	X		All United Nations Development Group (UNDG) Executive Committee agencies are extending their country programmes for one year in order to align them with the government cycle.	The country held presidential elections in December 2006. The ministerial cabinet recently presented the new national development plan (2008-2013) to the National Assembly, which will approve the plan. National authorities have expressed their interest in contributing to the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) process and have requested that the UNDAF be aligned to the government planning cycle. The new UNDAF and the corresponding country programmes (2009-2013) of the UNDG Executive Committee agencies will therefore be aligned with the government cycle and with national development priorities.	The current country programme and the 2006 midterm review report provide an adequate framework for the UNFPA-supported programme in Venezuela. The programme may easily be extended for an additional year.